

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-29 (Canceled).

Claim 30 (New): A polymer composition comprising a liquid crystalline polymer and metal particles having a particle size, wherein the particle size of at least 90 weight % of the metal particles is greater than about 200  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 31 (New): The polymer composition according to claim 30, wherein the particle size of at least 90 weight % of the metal particles is greater than about 400  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 32 (New): The polymer composition according to claim 30, wherein the polymer composition comprises from about 20 weight % to about 70 weight % of the metal particles based on the total weight of the polymer composition.

Claim 33 (New): The polymer composition according claim 30, wherein the metal particles are selected from the group consisting of aluminum, brass, copper, magnesium, nickel, stainless steel, steel, silver, tin, and zinc particles.

Claim 34 (New): The polymer composition according to claim 30, wherein the metal particles are aluminum flakes.

Claim 35 (New): The polymer composition according to claim 30, wherein the composition further comprises a non-thermally conductive filler.

Claim 36 (New): The polymer compositions according to claim 30, wherein the liquid crystalline polymer is a polyester that is at least partially aromatic.

Claim 37 (New): The polymer composition according to claim 30, wherein:  
the liquid crystalline polymer is a polyester that is at least partially aromatic,  
the particle size of at least 90 weight % of the metal particles is greater than about 400  $\mu\text{m}$ , and  
the polymer composition comprises from about 20 weight % to about 70 weight % of the metal particles based on the total weight of the polymer composition.

Claim 38 (New): The polymer composition according to claim 37, wherein the polyester is formed from the reaction product of at least one dicarboxylic acid selected from the group consisting of terephthalic acid, isophthalic acid, 2,6-naphthalic dicarboxylic acid, 3,6-naphthalic dicarboxylic acid, 1,5-naphthalic dicarboxylic acid, and 2,5-naphthalic dicarboxylic acid; and at least one diol selected from the group consisting of hydroquinone, resorcinol, 4,4'-biphenol, 3,3'-biphenol, 2,4'-biphenol, 2,3'-biphenol, and 3,4'-biphenol.

Claim 39 (New): The polymer composition according to claim 37, wherein the polyester is formed from the reaction product of at least one dicarboxylic acid selected from the group consisting of terephthalic acid, isophthalic acid, 2,6-naphthalic dicarboxylic acid, 3,6-naphthalic dicarboxylic acid, 1,5-naphthalic dicarboxylic acid, and 2,5-naphthalic dicarboxylic acid; and at least one diol selected from the group consisting of hydroquinone, resorcinol, 4,4'-biphenol, 3,3'-biphenol, 2,4'-biphenol, 2,3'-biphenol, and 3,4'-biphenol ; and at least one hydroxycarboxylic acid selected from the group consisting of p-hydroxybenzoic

acid, m-hydroxybenzoic acid, 2,6-hydroxynaphthalic acid, 3,6-hydroxynaphthalic acid, 1,6-hydroxynaphthalic acid, and 2,5-hydroxynaphthalic acid.

Claim 40 (New): The polymer composition according to claim 37, wherein the metal particles are aluminum flakes.

Claim 41 (New): The polymer composition according to claim 40, wherein the average length of the aluminum flakes is from about 0.5 mm to about 5 mm, the average width of the aluminum flakes is from about 0.5 mm to about 5 mm, and the average thickness of the aluminum flakes is from about 10  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 42 (New): A melt fabricated article made from the polymer composition according to claim 30.

Claim 43 (New): A melt fabricated article made from the polymer composition according to claim 37.

Claim 44 (New): A cookware made from the polymer composition according to claim 30.

Claim 45 (New): A cookware made from the polymer composition according to claim 37.

Claim 46 (New): A polymer composition comprising a liquid crystalline polymer and metal particles having an average particle size, wherein an average particle size of the metal particles is greater than about 420  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 47 (New): The polymer composition according to claim 46, wherein the average particle size is greater than about 500  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 48 (New): A method of increasing the thermal conductivity of an article formed from a polymer composition, said method comprising compounding metal particles having a particle size, wherein the particle size of at least 90 weight % of the metal particles is greater than about 200  $\mu\text{m}$  with a liquid crystalline polymer and forming said article from said polymer composition.

Claim 49 (New): A method of increasing the thermal conductivity of an article formed from a polymer composition comprising compounding metal particles having an average particle size, Wherein. the average particle size of the metal particles is greater than about 420  $\mu\text{m}$ .